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Hague, Aug. 1.

THE Court of Holland has cauſed four *Lettres de Cachet*, or Mandatory Citations, to be affixed *ad valvas curiæ*, ſummoning Forty two Perſons to appear, who are accuſed of *Sodomy*: Among them are L--- L----, who was to have been Penſionary at Haerlem; Monſieur M---n, the famous *French Refugee* at the Hague; two Lieutenants, ſeveral Burghers and Lackeys; and laſtly, the famous *Tragical Poet*.

Letters from Paris ſay, That tho' Cardinal Fleury has much ado to ſtand his Ground againſt the Princes, &c. who oppoſe his pacifick Schemes, yet the good old Miniſter goes on in his Track, ſeeming to fear nothing. The Truth is, the Qualifications requiſite for ſuch a Poſt, are not to be found in every Courtier; and the only Perſon nam'd as fit to ſucceed him, is the Duke de Maine. If any Thing of this ſhould happen, it will be attribute in a great meaſure to the Intrigues of Spain, ſince the Queen of Spain is not content with the Cardinal's Adminiſtration, but blames his Eminency for all the Delays; and the Duke de Maine, on the other hand, is look'd on as Head of the Spaniſh Intereſt.

Count Coningſeck has not yet quitted France, waiting the Return of an Expreſs he ſent to Vienna, which he expects the 3d Inſt. ſo that we expect to hear his News by the 7th. Mean time 'tis believed it will be ſuch as the laſt; or ſo drawn up, that it will neither *Yea* or *Nay*, but ſo conceived as to leave Room for continuing a Negociation: The Emperor being too confident of his own Strength in Italy, to alter his Mind. On the other hand, we are aſſured the Spaniards have good Intelligence in Naples and Sicily, and depend upon a Revolution in thoſe Kingdoms: and this animates the Q. of Spain, who inſiſts upon the *immediate* Execution of the Plan, which juſtly heightens our Apprehenſions of an approaching War.

We do not doubt of the Re-eſtabliſhment of a good Harmony between the Courts of England and Pruſſia, by Count Degenfelt's Means; for tho' his Pruſſian Majeſty is unqueſtionably in the Emperor's Intereſt as Head of the Empire, he may take it that the Points now in Diſpute do not ſo immediately regard the particular Concerns of the Court of Vienna and the Emperor, as the Right and Prerogatives of the Empire, which it behoves him, as an *Elector*, to maintain; and conſequently, his Majeſty may alledge, that Juſtice requires his Oppoſition to the Engagements of the Seville Treaty, ſo far as he apprehends the Rights of the Empire to be affected thereby: But this needs make no Alteration in the good Underſtanding between the 2 Courts.

London, Aug. 4. Sir Alexander Cuming is drawing up a Scheme, whereby 'tis propoſed to increaſe the Trade, Riches and Power, alſo to pay the Debt of the Britiſh Nation, without further taxing the Subject.

William Scot, Eſq; is made a Page of Honour to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales.

Wye's Letter Verbatim, London, Aug. 6.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from France, and two from Flanders.

THey write from New Jerſey, That on the 26th of May laſt, a Petition was preſented to the General Aſſembly of that Province, from John Porterfield, on Behalf of himſelf and Alexander Porterfield of the Kingdom of Scotland, Eſq; ſetting forth, that in the Year 1699, his ſaid Brother had obtained a Decree of the Lords of Seſſion in Scotland, of 1200 L. Sterling, with Intereſt till paid, againſt John Drummond late Earl of Melford, who fled into France and there died, and left no Eſtate in his own Right in Scotland, out of which the Petitioner's Brother could be ſatisfied: That the ſaid Earl died ſeized of ſundry Lands in the Province of New Jerſey, and therefore prayed Leave for a Bill to paſs into a Law, for veſting in one or more Truſtees, ſuch Part of the ſaid Lands and Tenements ſufficient to diſcharge the Debt aforeſaid; which Petition being received, a Committee was appointed to enquire into the Truth of the Allega-

tions,

ations, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereon to the Houſe. Paſſed a Bill for ſecuring the Freedoms of Aſſemblies, and appointed a Committee to inſpect into the Grievances of the Province.

At a General Court Yeſterday of the Eaſt India Company, ſuch a Charge was opened againſt the Supercargoes who came laſt from China, as ſurpriſed every Body, it appearing that the Tea, &c. which they bought at Canton, was over-charged to the Prejudice of the Company, 34,000 L. as Sir Matthew Decker the Chairman computed it; to prove which ſeveral Letters were read from Mr. Weſſal to the Company, dated at Canton in China in December and January 1729, ſetting forth at what Prices they bought the Tea in Queſtion, which was the ſame as Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Torricano bought in 1727. Other Letters were read from two Merchants at Canton giving the ſame Accounts, and that they were deſired to charge in their Books much higher Prices for the Tea than was paid for it, but declaring their Abhorence thereto. The ſaid Supercargoes in Anſwer to the Charge ſaid, that the two Merchants of Canton, who wrote againſt them as aforementioned, were not Men of Reputation; whereupon the Captains of the China Ships were examined concerning them, who declared they believed them to be ſtrictly juſt in their Dealings, and Men of excellent Characters; and what was moſt remarkable, a Letter wrote by one of the ſaid Supercargoes, was read, wherein he even recommended to future Supercargoes, to deal with thoſe Merchants as honeſt and fair Traders. Then the Reſolution of the Court of Directors, for proſecuting at Law the Supercargoes, and doing all poſſible Juſtice to the Company, and for thanking Mr. Weſſal for his Information, and for encouraging him, were on the Queſtion unanimouſly agreed to.

By the French Mail we learn, That the Sieur Ulni is ordered by his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty to go and execute a Commiſſion at the Court of Spain: And our Merchants private Letters by it from Barcelona of the 24th paſt adviſe, that repeated Orders were come from his Catholick Majeſty to haſten the Preparations for the Expedition to Italy; and add, that the Money requiſite for that Undertaking was hourly expected. Thoſe from Leghorn ſay, that they were in the utmoſt Confuſion there on Account of the repeated Advices of the Armaments of Spain, and the Increaſe of the Imperialiſts in their Neighbourhood, which puts a Stop to all Commerce, and occaſions the Ships to hurry away from thence: That the Genoeſe begin to be uneaſy, and were ſending 3000 Men to Porto Pezia.

Some Advices ſay, That the King of Sardinia is moſt inclined to Spain; and others, That he has refuſed Paſſage to the Imperial Troops thro' his Country. They give no Confirmation of the Pope's having created four new Cardinals, as was lately mentioned.

From the Evening Poſts, Aug. 9.

Vienna, July 26. We learn that 40,000 Florins are ſent by the Chamber of Finances to Munich and Manheim, to pay the Subſidies due to the Bavarian and Palatine Troops in the Emperor's Service. By Expreſs from Rome the Court has received a Letter written by the new Pope, importing, that he cannot be eaſy in his Throne, till he has reſtor'd a good Harmony among Chriſtian Powers, which he takes upon him for his firſt and chief Concern.

Genoa, July 15. An Engliſh Ship is arrived here, and brings Advice, that there were at Gibraltar ſeveral Engliſh Men of War, ſaid to be deſign'd for the Italian Expedition.

Bruſſels, Aug. 7. The Actions of the Oſtend Company are again riſen to 110, upon Advice that the Great Mogul has taken their 2 Ships (block'd up in the River Ganges) into his Protection, as he formerly did. Count Coningſeck, the Imperial Miniſter, is ſtill at Compeigne; nevertheleſs we are ſomewhat alarmed with a Report, That the French are going to form a Camp of 30,000 Men near Maubeuge.

Paris, Aug. 11. This Day arrived a Courier from the Spaniſh Court, with Diſpatches for the Spaniſh Plenipotentiaries. 'Tis ſaid his Majeſty has therein reiterated his Inſtances for the ſending away the promiſed Succours for aſſiſting the Expedition to Italy. We expect daily a Courier from the Court of Vienna, with the Reſult in Anſwer to the laſt Diſpatches ſent thither, when we ſhall know whether the ſaid Succours are to go or not. Letters from Spain ſay, That the Flota from the Havana was within ſome few Leagues of Cadix the 31ſt of July, and that their Cargo was valued at 2 Million ſterl.

Petersburg, July 15. The Regiment of Nerva, and another quarter'd on the Side of Dorpt, making together 5600 Foot, begun their March a few

few Days ago from Nerva to Riga, and are to be followed by a Regiment of 1300 Dragoons, in all Probability to go and join the Troops which are in Courland. The Forces of the Czarina which are in that Dutchy and in Livonia, are augmented to 26,000 Men; and as the Prince of Heſſe-Homberg, Lieutenant General and Colonel of a Regiment of Infantry, has ordered his Domeſticks who are here, to defile with the Baggage towards Riga, 'tis believed that he has obtained the Command of that Army in Chief.

Rome, July 22, On the 15th of this Month the Cardinals Pignatelli, Dean, and Barberini, Sub-Dean, had Audience of the Pope, who afterwards gave Audience likewiſe to the Chevalier de St. George, and to Cardinal Salviani. The ſame Day his Holineſs gave Audience alſo to all the other Cardinals, and thank'd them for the Choice they had made of his Perſon to be Head of the Church. The Pope having fix'd for the 16th the Ceremony of his Coronation, cauſed the Day before 4000 Crowns to be diſtributed in Alms to the Poor, who were come in a great Number into the Court-yard of the Belvidera. The 16th the Holy Father, preceeded by the Sacred College, and by all the Prelature, was carried in a Chair to the Church of the Vatican, where he was crown'd with the uſual Ceremonies. The Foreign Miniſters and the Roman Senators aſſiſted at the Coronation, after which his Holineſs was carried to the Balcony of the Church, from which he gave his firſt ſolemn Benediction to an infinite Number of People. The 17th the Pope went to Monte Cavallo in State, attended with 70 Princes and Lords on Horſeback, the Conſervators of the Roman People, the Governor of Rome, &c, ſurrounded by the Swiſs Guards, and followed by 36 Prelates, the Light Horſe and Cuiraſſiers. The People repeted their Acclamations of *Long live the holy Father*, and demanded aloud to have Juſtice of the Oppreſſors in the late Reign. The Pope gave them his Benediction ſeveral times, and promiſed to redreſs their Grievances; and as he has aboliſhed ſeveral Duties, we hope for a happy Pontificate; the rather, that his Holineſs is to govern us himſelf, and not leave us to the diſcretionary Will of Miniſters; he has alſo forbid, under his higheſt Diſpleaſure, to recommend any Perſon to him for Imployments, being determin'd not to admit any Perſon into Civil or Military Employs, but ſuch as he ſhall judge worthy thereof. Cardinal Salviati having recommended the Pope's Nephew for a Favour, his Holineſs anſwered, *My Nephew's Advancement depends on his good Conduct.* And ſome Cardinals having adviſed him touching the Choice of his Miniſters, he told them, *It is your Buſineſs to chuſe the Pope, but it is the Pope's Buſineſs to chuſe his Miniſters.*

Milan, Aug. 16. They write from Leghorn, that the Seville Allies had proteſted againſt the Inveſtiture of Sienna, becauſe that Act is contrary, as they ſay, to the Rights of Spain. Advices from Turin import, that the King of Sardinia is ſo dangerouſly ill of the Gout, that he keeps Bed.

London, Aug. 6. This Morning at 7 a Clock the Earl of Cheſterfield, his Majeſty's Ambaſſador Extraordinary to their High Mightineſſes the States General of the United Provinces, ſet out from his Houſe in St James's Square, to embark on board the William and Mary Yatcht for Holland.

By our laſt Letters from France we are adviſed, that there is a Report there, (but upon what Foundation they know not) That a Negociation is at hand, and carried on ſecretly, which 'tis thought will make the Emperor eaſy; and this is by ſecuring the Succeſſion of the Empire to his own Houſe, in the Female Branch, in caſe he leaves no Male Iſſue.

'Tis believed Brigadier-General Dubourgay will ſucceed the late Earl of Londonderry as Captain-General and Commander in Chief over the Britiſh Leeward Iſlands.

The late Queen Anne's private Chapel in Windſor Caſtle, is given for a Chapel to the Germans of his Majeſty's Houſhold.

It is written from Bengal, that the Engliſh Governor and Council had ordered the *Duke of York*, Capt. Somers, 30 Guns and 90 Men; the *Fordwich* Capt. Gosfright, 34 Guns and 96 Men; and the *Princeſs Caroline Galley*, Capt. Braxier, 14 Guns and 43 Men, to endeavour to take the two Imperial Ships on their coming down the River, thoſe Ships having been commiſſioned by the Admiralty of Great Britain for that Purpoſe. It is added, that this was done in conjunction with the Dutch, who had furniſhed a like Number of Ships for that Service.

S. S. Stock, 103, 5 8ths.

Edinburgh, Aug. 4. The FREEHOLDERS and HERITORS of the Shire of *Edinburgh* now met, taking to their Conſideration the great Prejudice

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arising to this Country from the Importation and Consumption of *Foreign Brandy* or *other Spirits* without Payment of Duty; and particularly, that whilst this Practice continues, Grain of all Kinds must needs sell at a very low Price, and become a mere Drug: Do therefore *Resolve* to use all Endeavours consistent with Law, towards discouraging the Importation and Consumption thereof; and in order thereto, *Recommend* to all Heritors within the County, that in setting Tacks or Leases of publick Houses and Breweries within their Grounds, they make it a Condition of the Lease or Tack, That the Tacksman or Leassee shall not vend any *Foreign Brandy* or *Spirits*, other than the Produce of the British Plantations, and that they take them bound, under a Penalty, to comply with this Condition; and that they do remove from their Possessions, such Keepers of publick Houses as they shall find guilty of transgressing such Condition of their Sett or Lease. And *Ordains* this Resolution to be insert in the publick Prints.

Signed, by Order of the Meeting, by Sir James Mackenzie of Royston, their *Prases*.

JA. MACKENZIE.

Edinburgh, August 11. On Sunday Night last departed this Life in the 46th Year of his Age, at his pleasant Country-Seat of Edmiston, ANDREW WAUCHOP of Edmiston, Esq; A worthy, discreet, and hospitable Gentleman, a just and kind Master, had a ready Hand to the Necessities of the Indigent, and was remarkably peremptor in paying Tradesmens Accompts. He died a Batchelor, and is succeeded in an opulent Fortune by JOHN DON of Attenburn, Esq; his Nephew.

Last Night was consummated the Marriage of Mr. Hugh Dalrymple Advocate, Son to the late Sir David Dalrymple of Newhailes Bart. with Miss Somervel, Daughter to Hugh Somervel Writer to his Majesty's Signet, a beautiful young Lady of excellent Accomplishments and a good Fortune.

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‖¶‖ That at the Town of KILRANIE in the County of Fife, upon the 14th Day of August current, betwixt the Hours of 9 and 12 in the Forenoon, there is to be exposed to publick Sale within the Tolbooth of Kilranie, by Mr. Thomas Fordyce Deputy Admiral on the Coast of Fife, a larg Parcel of Blubber, or the Speck and Sperm of three Sperma Cete Whales lately come in on that Coast, consisting of about 146 Barrels of Speck or Blubber, and 23 Barrels of Sperma Cete Speck. The said Speck and Sperm is to be seen at the said Town of Kilranie, and the Conditions of Sale in the Hands of Thomas Nairn one of the Baillies of Anstruther, or in the Hands of the said Thomas Fordice at Edinburgh.

†¶† There is to be Sold, in the Dubraw, South Leith, near the Geeen Tree, best BARLEY MALT, made and dried with Cinders, after the English Manner, at 13 sh. 9 Pence sterl. per Boll. Enquire at David Yates there.

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